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IN ANCIENT DAYS, HERCULES WAS THE GREATEST HERO OF ALL. BUT IN THE MODERN WORLD, IMMORTAL HERCULES HAS DONE LITTLE BUT ENJOY HIS CELEBRITY. HIS DESTINY IT SEEMED, WAS TO FADE INTO OBSCURITY AND SCANDAL. BUT HERCULES DEFIED HIS FATE AND HAS STARTED TO RECLAIM HIS REPUTATION AS A TRUE HERO.

WHILE GETTING HIS LIFE BACK ON TRACK, HERCULES DISCOVERS THE UPRISING STORM: A PANTHEON OF NEW GODS BORN OF THE MODERN AGE, SEEKING TO DESTROY THEIR ANCIENT COUNTERPARTS.

TOGETHER WITH FELLOW GODS GILGAMESH AND IRE, HERCULES BATTLED THE UPRISING STORM, WHERE HE WAS MARKED BY A BRAND LACED WITH STRANGE TECHNOLOGY. SHUNNED BY THE HERO COMMUNITY, HERCULES IS MORE ISOLATED THAN EVER, AND SOON ENOUGH THE STORM WILL COME LOOKING FOR ROUND TWO...



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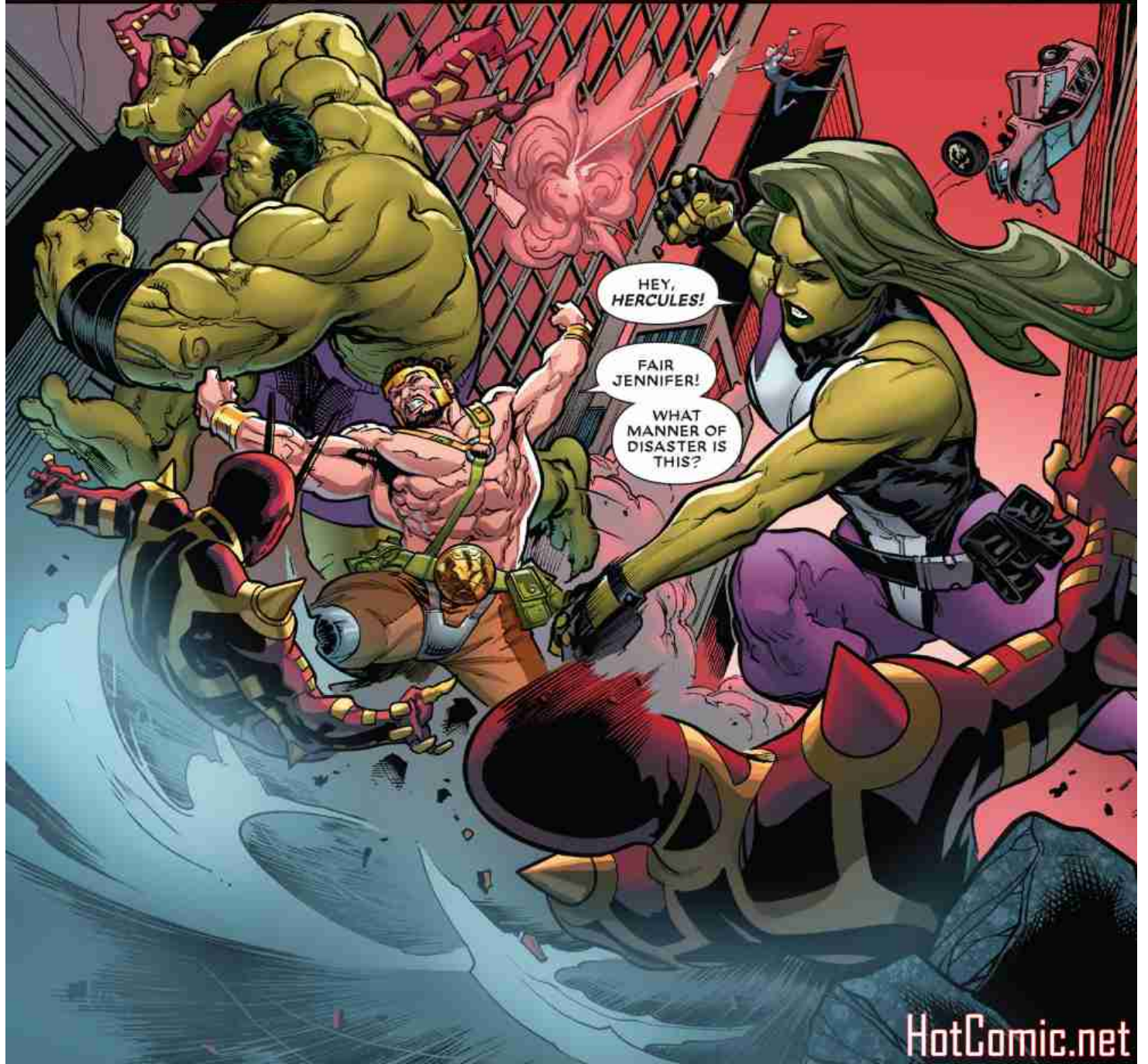






HERC...
IS THIS THE
STORM YOU
WERE TALKING
ABOUT?

NO.
THIS IS
SOMETHING
ELSE.





"BEATS ME."

"BIG, BAD COSMIC."

"A-FORCE JUST ANSWERED THE CALL."



THE CALL?

YEAH, FROM IRON MAN AND CAPTAIN MARVEL.

SOMEHOW THEY KNEW THIS WAS COMING, AND THEY CALLED EVERYBODY TOGETHER!

AVENGERS, X-MEN, INHUMANS, ULTIMATES...



...EVERYONE.



NOT ME.



OH,
BOOHOO.

EVERYONE
IS TOTES SAVING
THE PLANET, BUT
YOU'RE BUTTHURT
THAT NOBODY
PICKED YOU FOR
THEIR TEAM?

CRYPTOMNESIA!



SO, OUR
REMATCH STARTS
NOW. DOES IT,
STORM GODS?

BRING IT.
IF YOU SUSPECT
ME WEARY FROM
BATTLE--

--YOU'RE SORELY
MISTAKEN!



WHAM

YOU I
HAVE BESTED
ONCE ALREADY,
CATASTROPHOBIA.



BUT MY
DEAR BROTHER
CATASTROPHOBIA
NEVER GIVES UP,
HERCULES.

YOU, HOWEVER,
CONTINUE TO
UNDERESTIMATE
US.

MY NAME IS
HORRORSCOPE,
BY THE WAY, I
DON'T THINK WE'VE
BEEN PROPERLY
INTRODUCED...









**ASTORIA,
QUEENS.
LATER.**

CRYPTOMNESIA
CAME TO YOU?

ALL OF THEM
CAME, TIRESIAS,
CATASTROPHOBIA,
CRYPTOMNESIA AND
ANOTHER CALLED
HORRORSCOPE.

THEY
CAME TO
GOAD ME.
TAUNT ME.





THEY
WEREN'T EVEN
TRYING.

CATASTROPHOBIA
BARELY TRIED TO
HURT ME.

THEY WANTED
TO MAKE SPORT
OF ME. FILL ME WITH
THEIR LIES AND
POISON.

THEY WANT
TO MAKE ME
ONE OF THEM.
A GOD OF
CHAOS.

THEY WANT
TO HARNESS MY
RAGE AND MAKE
ME INTO THEIR
ENGINE OF
DESTRUCTION.



TO ACHIEVE
THIS, THEY WANT
TO UNDERMINE ME.
MAKE ME BELIEVE MY
FRIENDS SEE ME AS
A LIABILITY...



...GODS HELP
ME, THAT'S ALL
TOO TRUE.



AND THE
STORM IS CLAIMING
YOUR MODERN HERO
CHUMS HAVE A SEER OF
THEIR OWN, NOW?
A PREDICTOR?

THAT'S SO
RISKY, DARLING.
MUCKING ABOUT
WITH PROPHECY
NEVER ENDS
WELL.

I KNOW,
TERESIAS.
I KNOW.

BUT SINCE
YOU MENTION
DIVINATION...

NUH-UH!
NO WAY.



I NEED
YOUR SIGHT
NOW. YOUR
GIFT.

READ THIS
BRAND THE
STORM LEFT ON
ME. TELL ME
WHAT IT
MEANS.

OH, LOVIE,
YOU KNOW
MY POWERS ARE
VAGUE AND OPEN TO
INTERPRETATION--

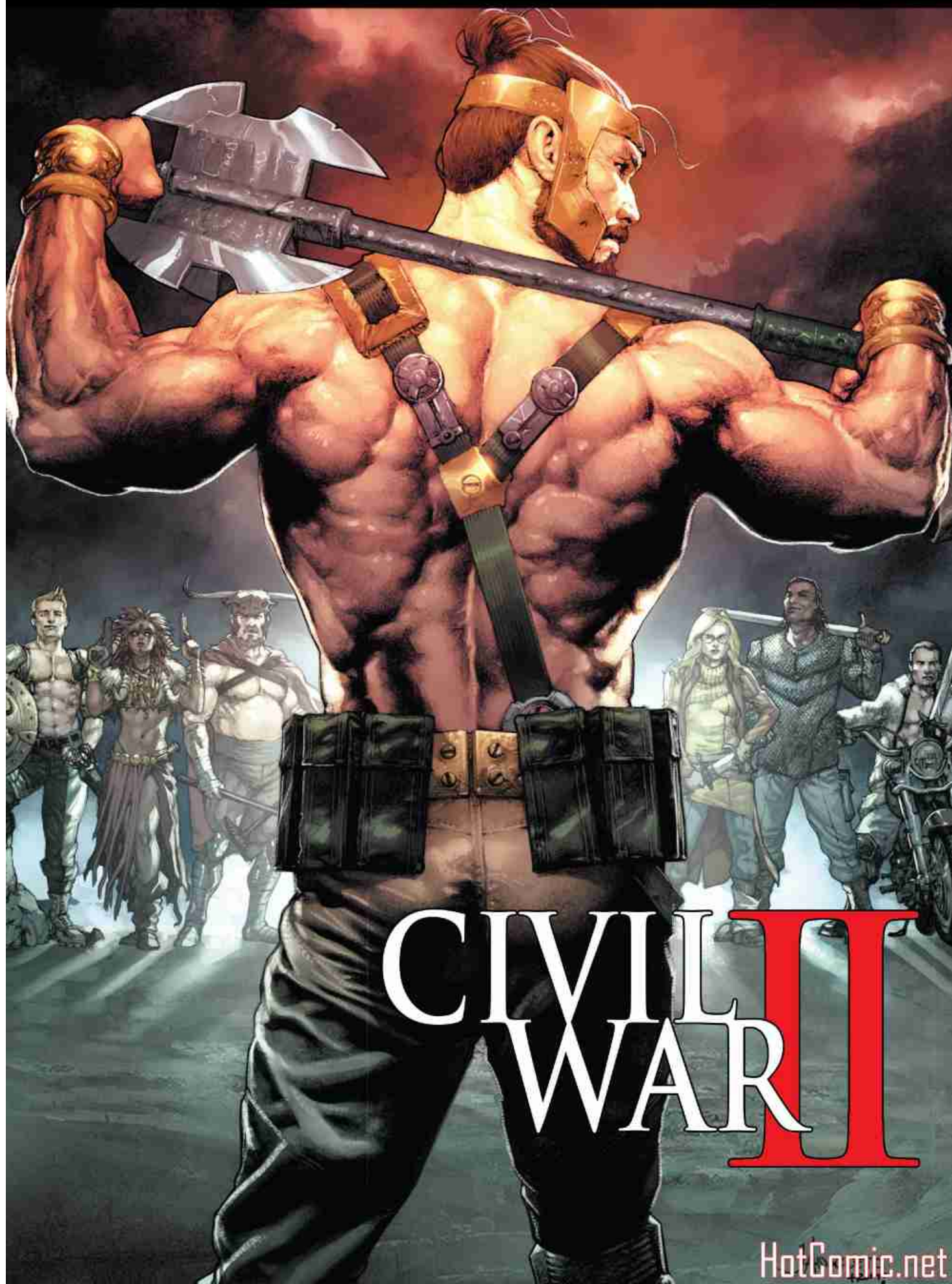








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